

ARTICLE I. CORPORATE EXISTENCE, FORM OF GOVERNMENT, BOUNDARY AND POWERS

Section 1.1 Corporate Existence.

A municipal corporation known as the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") is hereby created pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Florida (the "State") and the Home Rule Charter of Miami-Dade County (the "County"). The corporate existence of the Town shall commence upon the adoption of this Charter.

Section 1.2 Form of Government.

The Town shall have a "Mayor-Council-Manager" form of government.

Section 1.3 Corporate Boundary.

The corporate boundaries of the Town are set forth in the document entitled "Town of Miami Lakes, Legal Description" dated July 21, 2000 which shall be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk (the "Legal Description"). The corporate boundaries of the Town are generally described as follows and shown on the following map (the "Map"). In case of a conflict between the Legal Description, the Map and this Charter, the Legal Description shall govern.

Northern Boundary: State Road 826
(Palmetto Expressway) between NW 57
Avenue and NW 77th Ave., and NW 170
Street between NW 77th Court and Interstate
75

Eastern Boundary: NW 57 Avenue (Red Road)

Southern Boundary: The City of Hialeah

Western Boundary: Interstate 75

No annexation, consolidation, or other boundary adjustment of the Corporate Boundary of the Town shall be submitted by the Town for consideration by Miami-Dade County or otherwise sought to be enacted, until such proposed annexation, consolidation or boundary adjustment shall have been ratified by an election of the electors of the Town. The Town Council may call a special election to present any proposed annexation, consolidation or boundary adjustment to the electors of the Town of Miami Lakes upon no less than 90 days notice. The election shall be held in accordance with applicable law, in the same manner as other special elections under this Charter and Code.

[SEE MAP ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

Section 1.4 Powers.

The Town shall have all available governmental, corporate and proprietary powers and may exercise them except when prohibited by law. Through the adoption of this Charter, it is the intent of the electors of the Town to grant to the municipal government established by this Charter the broadest exercise of home rule powers permitted under the Constitution and laws of the State.

Section 1.5 Construction.

This Charter and the powers of the Town shall be construed liberally in favor of the Town.